

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

APPELLANTS:	Shintaro Okada	DOCKET NO.:	09792909-6376
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**Reply to Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 CFR 41.37)**

Sir:

This reply is filed in conformance with the requirements of the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed November 17, 2009. Provided herewith is a paper correcting the Appeal Brief's Section III, Status of Claims section, under 37 CFR §41.37(c)(1)(iii).

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

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**III. STATUS OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-3 and 5 are pending in the application and are the subject of the instant appeal. A copy of claims 1-3 and 5 is appended hereto as the Claims Appendix.

The status of the claims on appeal is as follows:

Independent claims 1 and 5, and dependent claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuchiya, US Pub no. 2001/0038716 (hereinafter, "*Tsuchiya*") in view of Nakajima, U.S. Pub no. 2004/0008902 (hereinafter, "*Nakajima*").

Claims 4 and 6 were previously canceled.